

## House Resolution No. 2839

**Whereas**, Meadville, Missouri, can trace its roots to the Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroad's completion of its line through Linn County and the subsequent construction of two buildings in a settlement named New Baltimore in 1858; and

**Whereas**, on February 1, 1860, John Duff, John M. Forbes, John Brooks, and John Botts and their attorneys, Josiah Hunt and John L. Lathrop, appeared before notary public Peter B. Groat of Hannibal to acknowledge that they had laid out the town of Bottsville in Linn County, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, John Botts then went to the Linn County recorder, Jeremiah Phillips, and registered the same information to do away with the name New Baltimore and to substitute for it the name of Bottsville; and

**Whereas**, the town of Bottsville languished during the Civil War, but things began to pick up in 1867 when Thomas D. Evans served as a retailer and postmaster, L.W. James ran a drug store, Daniel Thurston and T.F. Spencer offered groceries, and L.N. Goodale was the railway station agent; and

**Whereas**, after John Botts relinquished his interest in the community and returned to Howard County, a petition was taken to the county court in April 1869 to change the name from Bottsville to Meadville, but opposition to the change resulted in the community continuing to be known as Bottsville until the latter part of 1869; and

**Whereas**, named in honor of Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroad superintendent Charles Mead, Meadville was incorporated as a fourth class village on January 4, 1881, with George W. Golden appointed as mayor by the court; A.B. Black, J.C. Water, John McNicholas, and D.M. Sevey appointed as aldermen; and John Crafton appointed as marshal; and

**Whereas**, today on the eve of its Sesquicentennial Anniversary, Meadville boasts a population in excess of four hundred fifty and is led by Mayor Richard Melton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments associated with the town of Meadville and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their town; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Meadville, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Shively  
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2839, adopted May 7, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker